

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application. In addition, claims 1 and 22 have been amended to improve clarity. Claim 27 has been canceled because it was allowed in the parent application. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-26 and 28-45 will be pending in the application.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments and pass the application to issuance.

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